

Assistance Programmes under the Community Care Fund in Progress/to be Rolled Out¹

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(1) Subsidy for Patients of Hospital Authority (HA) for Specified Self-financed Cancer Drugs Which Have Not Yet Been Brought into the Samaritan Fund (SF) Safety Net But Have Been Rapidly Accumulating Medical Scientific Evidence and with	August 2011 (current funding provision for eight years of operation up to March 2020)	1,133.99 ²	● The prevailing SF financial assessment mechanism and its sliding scale are adopted as the financial assessment criteria.	11 275 person-times ³	Around 802.8 ⁴	The Programme initially covered six specified self-financed cancer drugs and was subsequently expanded by phases to 22 drugs starting from mid-February 2019. The evaluation results were reported to the former Steering

¹ Since the establishment of the Community Care Fund (CCF) in 2011, 12 programmes under the CCF have been incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes, and eight programmes were completed. A list of the relevant programmes is at the [Appendix](#).

² Including the administrative and audit expenses of this programme and programme (A)(1) in the [Appendix](#).

³ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 31 December 2018.

⁴ This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 31 December 2018.

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<p>Relatively Higher Efficacy (First Phase Programme of Medical Assistance Programmes)</p> <p>(To subsidise the drug costs borne by patient beneficiaries for the relevant drug treatment)</p>						<p>Committee on the Community Care Fund (CCF) in May 2012.</p> <p>All patients whose applications were approved in the first five years of operation (i.e. from August 2011 to July 2016) have completed treatment.</p> <p>The Commission on Poverty (CoP) approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p>

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<p>(2) Subsidy for the Severely Disabled Persons Aged Below 60 who are Non-CSSA (Comprehensive Social Security Assistance) Recipients Requiring Constant Attendance and Living in the Community</p> <p>(The monthly subsidy is disbursed according to the monthly household income of the applicants in “full grant” (\$2,000); “three-quarters grant” (\$1,500), or “half grant” (\$1,000))</p>	September 2011 (extended for one year in November from 2012 to 2015, extended for two years in November 2016 and extended for two years in November 2018)	452.79	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged below 60 and receiving Higher Disability Allowance (HDA) under the Social Security Allowance (SSA) Scheme as at 31 July 2018; and ● living in the community and with household income not exceeding 150% of the relevant Median Monthly Domestic Household Income (MMDHI). 	11 664 person-times	Around 301.57	<p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in May 2013.</p> <p>The CoP approved in October 2018 the extension of implementation of the Programme for 24 months and the revised estimate of the Programme.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(3) Subsidy for CSSA Recipients Living in Rented Private	The Programme was first launched in	33.671	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA households living in rented private 	22 605 households	Around 32.09	First launch of the Programme was completed in 2012.

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Housing and Paying a Rent Exceeding the Maximum Rent Allowance (MRA) under the CSSA Scheme	October 2011		housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2011.			
(First launch: a subsidy of \$1,000 for one-person household; and \$2,000 for two-or-more-person household) (Second to fourth launch and extension in 2016: a subsidy of \$2,000 for one-person household; and \$4,000 for two-or-more-person	The Programme was launched for the second time in September 2013	53.77	● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2013.	17 767 households	Around 51.3	Second launch of the Programme was completed in September 2014. The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in August 2014 which approved to launch the Programme for the third time.

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household) (Relaunch in 2017: calculation of the amount of subsidy will base on the reported rental records, the monthly subsidy will be either 50% of the portion of the rental amount exceeding the applicable MRA or 15% of the applicable MRA, whichever is the less. The monthly-calculated subsidy will be provided yearly on a one-off basis)	The Programme was launched for the third time in September 2014	46.83	● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2014.	14 991 households	Around 44.58	Third launch of the Programme was completed in September 2015. The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in July 2015 which approved to launch the Programme for the fourth time.
	The Programme was launched for the fourth time in September 2015 (extended in September 2016)	96.52	● CSSA households living in rented private housing paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at 1 July 2016.	14 938 households (fourth launch) 15 458 households (extension of implementation in 2016)	Around 91.89	The evaluation results for the fourth launch of the Programme were reported to the CoP in September 2016 which approved to extend the Programme in 2016. Fourth launch and extension of

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						<p>implementation in September 2016 were completed in September 2017.</p> <p>The CoP approved in November 2017 the relaunch of the Programme for a period of two years by adjusting the approach in calculating and disbursing subsidy.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the extension of implementation in 2016 were reported to the CoP in April 2018.</p>
	The Programme was relaunched in November	125.53	● CSSA households living in rented private housing	15 084 Households (first year)	Around 55.67 (first year)	The Programme was relaunched in November 2017,

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	2017 (a two-year programme)		paying actual rents which exceed the MRA under the CSSA Scheme as at the respective specified date (the specified date for the first year is 31 July 2017, the specified date for the second year is 31 July 2018).	Data are not yet available (second year)	Data are not yet available (second year)	with the subsidy for the first year disbursed from late January 2018 onwards. The evaluation results of the Relunched Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(4) Relocation Allowance for Residents of Illegal Domestic Premises in Industrial Buildings who Have to Move out as a result of the Buildings Department (BD)'s Enforcement Action	December 2011 (a three-year Enhanced Programme was launched in November 2017)	4.43	● Persons who have passed the family/household-based means test establishing eligibility for CSSA Scheme, student financial assistance schemes, HA Medical Fee Waiving Mechanism or Work Incentive	169 households (268 persons)	Around 0.53	BD has inspected 158 target industrial buildings of which 51 has so far been identified as premises of illegal domestic use. BD has taken enforcement action against these cases and enforcement actions have been

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(An allowance of \$3,219 for one-person household, \$7,203 for two-to-three-person household; and \$9,454 for four-or-more-person household)			Transport Subsidy (WITS); or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● household income not exceeding 100% of the MMDHI for one-person households; and not exceeding 75% of the MMDHI for two-or-more-person households. 			<p>completed in 33 buildings. BD will continue to follow up on the enforcement action for other target industrial buildings.</p> <p>The CoP noted the evaluation report on the Programme and endorsed recommendations of enhancement in November 2017.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Enhanced Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(5) Elderly Dental Assistance Programme</p> <p>(Based on the level of subsidy of CSSA dental grant, a maximum subsidy of \$15,025⁵ for dental services for each beneficiary (including \$10,050 for dentures, \$4,915 for denture-related dental care and \$60 for registration and dental check-up), a referral fee of \$50 for each referral by NGOs, and an accompanying service fee of \$70 per hour</p>	<p>September 2012 (a three-year Expanded Programme was launched in September 2015, extended for half year in September 2018, and extended for three years in March 2019)</p>	<p>817.13⁶ (including the provision required for the Expanded Programme (i.e. from September 2015 to February 2020))</p>	<p>● Aged 60 or above, being users of the “Integrated Home Care Services (IHCS)” or the “Enhanced Home and Community Care Services” or the “Home Help Service” subvented by the Social Welfare Department (SWD) and paying level 1 or level 2 fee charge of the said services, and not receiving CSSA; or aged 70 or above and receiving</p>	<p>40 391 persons</p>	<p>Around 417.19</p>	<p>The interim evaluation results were reported to the CoP in September 2013.</p> <p>The Programme was expanded by phases (Expanded Programme) in September 2015, October 2016, July 2017 and February 2019 to cover elders who are OALA recipients aged 80 or above, aged 75 or above, aged 70 or above and 65 or above respectively.</p>

⁵ Starting from February 2019, a maximum subsidy for denture services for each beneficiary will be adjusted to \$15,350 (including \$10,050 for dentures, \$5,240 for denture-related dental care and \$60 for registration and dental check-up).

⁶ The original allocation of the programme was \$100 million. Starting from 1 January 2015, the unspent balance of the original allocation has been pooled together with the allocation for the Expanded Programme.

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based on the actual duration of accompanying service provided to applicants who are users of the home care / home help services under the Programme (if applicable))			Normal or Higher Old Age Living Allowance (OALA) ⁷ ; and ● have not benefited from this programme or the Outreach Dental Care Programme for the Elderly under the Department of Health.			Enhancement measures are also introduced in February 2019. As at end of December 2018, around 49 600 applications from elders were received and around 40 400 elders have completed their required treatment (including around 38 200 denture cases) and the remaining 9 200 elders are receiving dental treatment at various stages.

⁷ The CoP authorised at its meeting held on 31 August 2016 the Food and Health Bureau (FHB) and the Hong Kong Dental Association to further expand the target beneficiaries if no additional funding be required. Starting from February 2019, the Programme will be expanded to cover elderly persons who are aged 65 or above and receiving OALA.

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<p>(6) Subsidy for Owners' Corporations of Old Buildings</p> <p>(From 1 October 2018 onwards, eligible owners' corporations can be granted a subsidy with the total amount capped at \$24,000 for relevant expenditure items on an accountable basis)</p>	<p>October 2012 (A three-year Enhanced Scheme was launched in October 2015. Third phase of the Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for 3 years.)</p>	<p>67.2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Residential or composite buildings aged 30 years or above with owners' corporations; and ● From 1 October 2018 onwards, average rateable value of the residential units does not exceed \$162,000 for urban area and \$124,000 for New Territories. 	<p>2 603 owners' corporations</p>	<p>Around 31.03</p>	<p>The CoP noted the evaluation results of the Scheme and approved the implementation of the Enhanced Scheme for three years in September 2015.</p> <p>The interim evaluation results of the Enhanced Scheme were reported to the CoP in August 2017.</p> <p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in June 2018 which approved the implementation of the third phase of the Scheme with effect from 1</p>

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						October 2018.
(7) Incentive Scheme to Further Encourage CSSA Recipients of the Integrated Employment Assistance Programme for Self-reliance (IEAPS) to Secure Employment	April 2014 (a three-year scheme)	226.62	● CSSA recipients of the IEAPS.	2 050 ⁸ persons	Around 23.21	The working group set up under the CCF Task Force held a meeting on 19 January 2017 to follow up on the progress of implementing the Scheme and the related evaluation study. The related evaluation study is underway. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

⁸ This is the number of CSSA recipients randomly selected from IEAPS cases who agree to participate in the incentive scheme, which is also the target number of beneficiaries of the incentive scheme. As at 31 December 2018, 24 participants accumulated the target amount of incentive payment, 16 participants accumulated 75% or above of the target amount of incentive payment at the end of the implementation period and 60 participants took up employment with income equal to/exceeding their CSSA recognized needs, subsequent to which they left the CSSA net. The accumulated incentive payment was disbursed to them by SWD.

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<p>(8) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Carers of Elderly Persons from Low-income Families</p> <p>(Phases I and II of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,000 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one elderly person and a maximum of \$4,000 each for those who take care of more than one elderly person at the same time)</p> <p>(Phase III of the Pilot Scheme : a monthly allowance of \$2,400 would be given to each</p>	<p>June 2014 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two years and four months. Phase II of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2016, lasted for two years. Phase III of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two years.)</p>	538.24	<p>An eligible carer of the elderly person(s) under Phase III of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following circumstances/criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the elderly person(s) being taken care of must be living in Hong Kong and has/have been assessed under SWD's Standardised Care Need Assessment Mechanism for Elderly Services to be of moderate or severe level of impairment, and has/have been on the Central Waiting List for subsidised long-term care 	4 756 carers	Around 238.55	<p>The application period of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 October 2018. SWD is vetting the applications.</p> <p>SWD has authorised 50 NGOs that operate District Elderly Community Centres (DECCs) and/or Neighbourhood Elderly Centres (NECs) as approved service providers (ASPs)⁹ of Phase III of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p>

⁹ The 50 ASPs operate 158 DECCs and NECs in total across the territory.

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eligible carer who takes care of one elderly person and a maximum of \$4,800 each for those who take care of more than one elderly person at the same time)			<p>services (i.e. residential care services (RCS) and/or community care services) on or before 30 November 2017;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the elderly person(s) being taken care of must be living in the community without using any RCS or undergoing long-term hospitalisation during the application period and while receiving the allowance; ● the carer must be capable of taking up the care-giving role, and provide at least 80 hours of care-giving work 			<p>SWD is now analysing the evaluation report on Phase II of the Pilot Scheme and the Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities submitted by the Study Centre. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>per month (or not less than 120 hours per month for taking care of more than one elderly person who meets the above-mentioned criteria at the same time);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the carer must be a Hong Kong resident living in Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of employment relationship with the elderly person(s) under his/her care; ● the carer must not be a recipient of CSSA or OALA; and ● the monthly 			

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			household income of the carer must not exceed 75% of the relevant MMDHI.			
(9) Providing Hostel Subsidy for Needy Undergraduate Students (The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of the Consumer Price Index (A) (CPI (A)). Each eligible student can receive up to \$9,180 in the 2018/19 academic year)	2014/15 academic year (a three-year programme, extended for two academic years from 2017/18 onwards)	194.7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full-time undergraduates of publicly-funded or self-financing locally-accredited programmes at degree level; ● eligible applicants of the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme – Publicly-funded Programmes (TSFS) or the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students (FASP) and passed the means test of the 	23 039 person-times	Around 139.1	<p>The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in April 2017 which approved to extend the Programme for two more years to the 2018/19 academic year.</p> <p>The evaluation results of the Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			<p>Student Finance Office (SFO) under the Working Family and Student Financial Assistance Agency;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● resided in student hostels provided by their institutions; and ● confirmed by their institutions to have resided in student hostels in the semesters of the implementation period. 			
(10) Increasing the Academic Expenses Grant under the Financial Assistance Scheme for Post-secondary Students	2014/15 academic year (a three-year programme, extended for two academic years from 2017/18 onwards)	176.95	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full-time students pursuing locally-accredited self-financing programmes at sub-degree or degree level; and ● eligible applicants 	94 899 person-times	Around 156.23	The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in April 2017 which approved to extend the Programme for two more years to the 2018/19

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(The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of CPI (A). Each eligible student can receive up to \$2,280 in the 2018/19 academic year)			of FASP who have passed the means test of SFO.			academic year. The evaluation results of the Extended Programme will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(11) Enhancing the Academic Expenses Grant for Students with Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Financial Needs Pursuing Post-secondary Programmes (The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of CPI	2015/16 academic year (a three-year programme, extended for three academic years from 2018/19 onwards)	12.46	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students meeting the eligibility criteria of the TSFS or the FASP and passed the means test of the SFO; and ● must be identified with at least one type of SEN including specific learning difficulties, intellectual disability, autism spectrum disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity 	530 person-times	Around 3.98	The evaluation results were reported to the CoP in June 2018 which approved to extend the Programme for three more years to the 2020/21 academic year.

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(A). Each eligible student can receive up to \$8,680 in the 2018/19 academic year)			disorders, physical disability, visual impairment, hearing impairment, speech and language impairment, and mental illness starting from 2017/18 academic year.			
(12) Cervical Cancer Vaccination Pilot Scheme	October 2016 (a three-year pilot scheme)	98.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Girls aged nine to 18 who are receiving CSSA; ● female students aged nine or above who are receiving full grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS); ● girls aged nine to 18 who are from households benefiting from the Working Family 	20 123 persons	Around 41.93	As at end-December 2018, the Family Planning Association of Hong Kong (i.e. the implementing agency of the Pilot Scheme) has arranged appointments for around 20 300 teenage girls to attend first consultation, including 20 123

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			Allowance (WFA) Scheme; or ● female students aged nine or above who are receiving half grant under the STAS.			teenage girls who have received cervical cancer vaccination service. The deadline for accepting new cases and receiving the first dose of vaccine under the Pilot Scheme is extended by six months to the end of September 2019 in order to allow eligible applicants to complete the vaccination by receiving the second and/or third dose in the ensuing six months. Starting from April 2019, the fixed vaccination service fee is adjusted from

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						<p>\$308 to \$320 per dose.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(13) Pilot Scheme on Raising the Maximum Level of Disregarded Earnings for Recipients with Disabilities under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme	October 2016 (a three-year pilot scheme)	47.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving CSSA and is medically certified to be disabled or in ill-health; ● engaging in paid employment and entitling to the disregarded earnings (DE) arrangement under the CSSA Scheme; and ● being medically certified to be disabled or in ill-health 	6 731 persons	Around 25.09	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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			continuously while enjoying the raised DE under the Pilot Scheme.			
(14) Pilot Scheme on Providing Subsidy for Higher Disability Allowance Recipients in Paid Employment to Hire Carers (A monthly allowance of \$5,000 would be given to each eligible person)	October 2016 (a three-year pilot scheme)	18.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Receiving HDA (persons being medically certified as “unfit for making a statement” excluded); ● having secured paid employment (not applicable to persons engaged in self-employment or working at home) with a monthly income of not less than \$7,500 and not exceeding \$30,000; and ● being gainfully employed but his/her relatives or friends are unable to provide 	41 persons	Around 3.93	<p>The application period for the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 March 2018.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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			care, and is hiring a full-time carer (mainly foreign domestic helper) to assist in travelling between home and office (not applicable to work-at-home jobs).			
<p>(15) Pilot Scheme on Living Allowance for Low-income Carers of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>(Phase I of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,000 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one person with disabilities and a maximum of \$4,000 each for those who take care of more than one</p>	<p>October 2016 (Phase I of the Pilot Scheme lasted for two years. Phase II of the Pilot Scheme, launched in October 2018, lasts for two years.)</p>	<p>224.22</p>	<p>An eligible carer of the person with disabilities under Phase II of the Pilot Scheme should meet all of the following circumstances/ criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the person(s) with disabilities being taken care of must be living in Hong Kong, and has/have been on the waiting list for any one of the specified 	<p>1 859 persons</p>	<p>Around 80.78</p>	<p>The application period of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme was closed on 31 October 2018. SWD is vetting the applications.</p> <p>SWD has authorised 24 NGOs that operate District Support Centres for Persons with Disabilities (DSCs), Parents/Relatives Resource Centres</p>

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<p>person with disabilities at the same time)</p> <p>(Phase II of the Pilot Scheme: a monthly allowance of \$2,400 would be given to each eligible carer who takes care of one person with disabilities and a maximum of \$4,800 each for those who take care of more than one person with disabilities at the same time)</p>			<p>rehabilitation services subsidised by SWD or special school with boarding placement under the Education Bureau or infirmary service of HA on or before 31 March 2018;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the person(s) with disabilities being taken care of must be living in the community without using any residential care services or undergoing long-term hospitalisation during the application period and while receiving 			<p>(PRCs) or Integrated Community Centres for Mental Wellness (ICCMWs) as approved service providers (ASPs)¹⁰ of Phase II of the Pilot Scheme to assist in providing support services to the carers.</p> <p>SWD is now analysing the evaluation report of the Pilot Scheme and Phase II of the Pilot Scheme on living allowance for carers of elderly persons from low-income families submitted</p>

¹⁰ The 24 ASFs operate 46 DSCs, PRCs and ICCMWs in total across the territory.

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			<p>the allowance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the carer must be capable of taking up the care-giving role, and is required to provide at least 80 hours of care-giving work per month (or not less than 120 hours per month for taking care of more than one person with disabilities who meets the above-mentioned criteria at the same time); ● the carer must be a Hong Kong resident living in Hong Kong and has not engaged in any form of employment relationship with 			<p>by the Study Centre. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(16) Dementia Community Support Scheme</p> <p>(A scheme which adopts a medical-social collaboration model to provide dementia community support services for elderly persons)</p>	<p>February 2017 (a two-year scheme)</p>	<p>98.88</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elderly persons who are aged 60 or above; and ● patients diagnosed of having mild or moderate dementia and referred by Geriatric/Psychogeriatric Teams of HA; or members of DECCs suspected of suffering from early dementia. 	<p>2 037 persons</p>	<p>Around 83.08</p>	<p>DECCs started providing support services and training to service users in April 2017.</p> <p>The Government plans to incorporate the Scheme into its regular assistance programmes after the pilot period.</p>

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						<p>The interim evaluation results were reported to the CoP in June 2018.</p> <p>The final evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(17) Subsidy for Eligible Patients to Purchase Ultra-expensive Drugs (Including Those for Treating Uncommon Disorders)	August 2017 (current funding provision for two years of operation up to March 2020)	261.08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social Workers; and ● permanent resident of the Hong Kong Special Administrative 	18 person-times ¹¹	Around 66.76 ¹²	The CoP approved in June 2018 the inclusion of the drug for treating Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) into the Programme. Relevant SMA patients could apply for CCF assistance starting from end

¹¹ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 31 December 2018.

¹² This refers to the subsidy for drug costs approved for beneficiaries as at 31 December 2018.

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			Region.			September of 2018. The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(18) Subsidy for Eligible Patients of Hospital Authority to Purchase Specified Implantable	August 2017 (current funding provision for two years of operation up to March 2020)	49.19	● HA patients who meet specific clinical criteria and pass means test conducted by Medical Social	67 person-times ¹³	Around 17.69 ¹⁴	The Programme initially covered two specified implantable medical devices for interventional

¹³ This refers to the number of applications approved as at 31 December 2018.

¹⁴ This refers to the subsidy for specified implantable medical devices approved for beneficiaries as at 31 December 2018.

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Medical Devices for Interventional Procedures			Workers.			<p>procedures and was subsequently expanded by phases to cover 5 medical devices starting from mid-February 2019.</p> <p>The CoP approved in January 2019 the enhancement measures of the means test mechanism of the Medical Assistance Programmes.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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(19) Subsidy for Persons Holding Non-local Qualifications to Conduct Qualifications Assessment	September 2017 (a three-year programme)	8.67	Persons and/or their spouses who have passed the means-test establishing eligibility for assistance under the specified assistance schemes provided below and receiving financial assistance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CSSA Scheme; or ● Low-income Working Family Allowance (LIFA)/WFA Scheme; or ● WITS Scheme; or ● STAS (full grant only); or ● Kindergarten and Child Care Centre Fee Remission (KCFR) Scheme (full and 3/4 fee 	67 persons	Around 0.14. ¹⁵	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

¹⁵ Eligible beneficiaries are not required to pay the assessment fees when submitting applications for qualifications assessment. Payment to the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications is made on a quarterly basis and the amount of disbursement is possibly not commensurate with the number of beneficiaries.

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			remission only).			
<p>(20) Pilot Scheme on Providing Special Subsidy for Persons with Permanent Stoma from Low-income Families for Purchasing Medical Consumables</p> <p>(The subsidy is disbursed according to the family asset and monthly household income of the eligible applicant “full grant” \$1,000; “three-quarters grant” \$750 or “half grant” \$500)</p>	September 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	50.64	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirmed to have permanent stoma (excretory stoma) by Medical Officer/Nurse of a public hospital/clinic/ Surgical Specialist on the Specialist Register of the Medical Council of Hong Kong (only applicable to applicant not receiving surgical treatment in public hospital/clinic); ● must not be a recipient of CSSA; ● the monthly household income must not exceed 150% of the relevant MMDHI; 	443 persons	Around 3.98	SWD has delivered the second batch of invitation letters through Hong Kong Stoma Association and self-help groups of stoma patient again in April 2018 to those who may fulfil the eligibility criteria to participate in the Pilot Scheme; eligible persons may also obtain application forms from the CCF Team of SWD, Medical Social Services Units of public hospitals with Specialist Out-patient Clinics (Surgery), Stoma

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the family's asset must not exceed the asset limit for public rental housing application under the Housing Authority; ● without receiving any relevant subsidy for purchasing medical consumables for the stoma from other funding sources; and ● living in the community, residential care homes or boarding schools; or being hospitalized but with a concrete discharge plan. 			<p>and Wound Care Clinics under the HA, etc. The application deadline for the second batch application is 2 April 2019.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(21) Pilot Scheme on Relaxing the Household Income Limit of the	October 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	52	● Children aged six to 12 who receive After School Care Programme;	508 persons	Around 1.84	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 3 October 2017.

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<p>Fee-waiving Subsidy Scheme under the After School Care Programme for Low-income Families and Increasing Fee-waiving Subsidy Places</p> <p>(According to the monthly household income of the families, eligible children will be granted full-fee waiving, half-fee reduction or 1/3-fee reduction subsidy)</p>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● their parents are unable to provide proper care for them during after-school hours owing to work, job-searching, attending vocational/job training or other reasons; and ● the monthly household income of the families must not exceed 100% of the relevant MMDHI. 			<p>The parent/guardian of an eligible child may approach an After School Care Programme Centre of an approved service provider for application during the implementation period of the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>
(22) Pilot Scheme on Subsidised Cervical Cancer Screening and	December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	78.61	● Women aged 25 to 64. ¹⁶ or women aged 65 or above who have not received	367 persons	Around 0.21	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 13 December 2017.

¹⁶ Department of Health recommends women aged 25 to 64 who ever had sex to receive regular cervical cancer screening.

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Preventive Education for Eligible Low-income Women			routine screening in the past 10 years; and <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● receiving CSSA/holding Level 0 voucher of the Pilot Scheme on Residential Care Service Voucher for the Elderly; or ● receiving waiver of medical charges under the medical fee waiving mechanism of public hospitals and clinics; or ● receiving Normal or Higher OALA; or be granted LIFA/WFA or WITS for any of the past 12 months; or ● having household member(s) granted subsidy/remission 			Eligible women may apply to designated service providers for joining the Pilot Scheme. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

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			under the STAS or the KCFR Scheme.			
<p>(23) Pilot Scheme on Home Care and Support for Elderly Persons with Mild Impairment</p> <p>(The Pilot Scheme adopts five co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)</p>	December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	383.34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged 60 or above and living in the community; ● assessed to be of mild impairment by the designated assessment tool of this Pilot Scheme; ● currently on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Cases); and ● the monthly household income must not be higher than a specified percentage of the MMDHI (i.e. not exceeding 175% for one-person households and not exceeding 150% for two-or-more-person 	1 567 persons	Around 22.26	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 28 December 2017. SWD has issued letters to invite applications from the elderly persons, who are on the waiting list for the IHCS (Ordinary Case), through the IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams participating in the Pilot Scheme. The IHCS Teams/Home Help Teams have also started to conduct assessments and arrange support services for eligible

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			households).			elderly persons. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.
(24) Pilot Scheme on Relocation Allowance for Beneficiaries of the “Community Housing Movement” (Eligible households will be granted an one-off relocation allowance: \$3,076 for one-person households, \$7,028 for two-to-three-person households, and \$9,263 for four-or-more-person households)	December 2017 (a three-year pilot scheme)	7.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applicant and household member(s) residing with him/her shall be a beneficiary household under the “Community Housing Movement” (CHM); ● monthly personal/household income must not exceed the income limit for public rental housing applications under the Hong Kong 	151 households	Around 1.05	The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 28 December 2017. Eligible households may obtain the brief and application form through the service operators of the CHM to apply for the relocation allowance in the course of the Pilot Scheme. The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF

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			Housing Authority.			Task Force in future.
(25) Pilot Scheme on Support for Elderly Persons Discharged from Public Hospitals after Treatment (The Pilot Scheme adopts six co-payment categories on a sliding scale according to the monthly household income of the elderly persons)	February 2018 (a three-year pilot scheme)	225.9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Aged 60 or above; and ● assessed by medical staff of HA to have temporary loss of self-care ability due to illness and in need of transitional care and support (i.e. in need of temporary residential care and/or community care and support services) and are not covered under the existing Integrated Discharge Support Programme for Elderly Patients. 	305 persons	Around 12.72	<p>The Pilot Scheme has been implemented since 26 February 2018. Medical staff of the hospitals participating in the Pilot Scheme have started referring eligible elderly persons to join the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The CCF Task Force and CoP noted the changes regarding the referral mechanism of the Pilot Scheme at their meetings on 28 September 2018 and 18 October 2018 respectively.</p>

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						<p>Apart from accepting referrals from the seven acute hospitals under the three HA clusters, the Pilot Scheme also accepts referrals from the three extended care hospitals of those three clusters, so as to ensure that needy elderly patients could be timely referred to join the Pilot Scheme.</p> <p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

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<p>(26) Provision of Subsidy to Needy Primary and Secondary Students for Purchasing Mobile Computer Devices to Facilitate the Practice of E-learning</p> <p>(The maximum level of subsidy is adjusted annually according to the movement of the Composite CPI. In 2018/19 school year, the subsidy is up to \$4,500 for students receiving CSSA/full grant and \$2,250 for students receiving half grant)</p>	<p>2018/19 school year (a three-school year programme)</p>	<p>415.54</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students studying in public sector primary or secondary schools and receiving CSSA or full/half grant under the STAS; and ● studying in schools and classes implementing e-learning and adopting “Bring Your Own Device”. 	<p>About 19 000 students.¹⁷</p>	<p>About 75.¹⁷</p>	<p>The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.</p>

¹⁷ EDB’s disbursement is based on schools’ estimated number of student beneficiaries for the 2018/19 school year. Schools will confirm the actual figures and report to EDB in due course.

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(27) Pilot Scheme on Subsidy to Purchase and Construct Modular Social Housing to Facilitate the Implementation of the Modular Social Housing Scheme – Nam Cheong Street	First half of 2019 (Planned commencement date of the works project under the Pilot Scheme)	35.74	Beneficiaries of the Modular Social Housing Scheme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● proven to be in need of transitional housing (e.g. queued for Public Rental Housing (PRH) for at least 3 years); or ● living in inadequate housing conditions; or ● low-income and in urgent need for community support. 	Data are not yet available	Data are not yet available	The evaluation results will be reported to the CCF Task Force in future.

(A) Assistance programmes incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes

Assistance programmes	Date of being incorporated into the government's regular assistance programmes
(1) Subsidy for Needy Patients of Hospital Authority (HA) who Marginally Fall Outside the Samaritan Fund (SF) Safety Net for the Use of SF Subsidised Drugs	September 2012 ¹⁸
(2) Financial Assistance for Non-school-attending Ethnic Minorities and New Arrivals from the Mainland for Taking Language-related International Public Examinations	September 2013
(3) Subsidy for Non-school-attending Ethnic Minorities and New Arrivals from the Mainland Participating in Language Courses	September 2013
(4) Subsidy for Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (CSSA) Recipients who are Owners of Tenants Purchase Scheme flats for Five Years or Above and Not Eligible for Rent Allowance under the CSSA Scheme	April 2014
(5) Subsidy to Meet Lunch Expenses at Whole-day Primary Schools for Students from Low-income Families	September 2014
(6) Enhancement of the Flat Rate Grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme	September 2014
(7) Enhancement of the Financial Assistance for Needy Students Pursuing Programmes Below Sub-degree Level	September 2014
(8) Training Subsidy for Children from Low-income Families who are on the Waiting List for Subvented Pre-school Rehabilitation Services	October 2014
(9) Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Renting Respiratory Support Medical Equipment	November 2014
(10) Special Subsidy to Persons with Severe Physical Disabilities for Purchasing Medical Consumables Related to Respiratory Support Medical Equipment	November 2014
(11) Extra Travel Subsidy for Needy Special School Students	September 2015
(12) Provision of Funding for Ordinary Schools to Arrange Special Educational Needs Coordinators Pilot Scheme	September 2017

¹⁸ The Programme has been incorporated into the regular mechanism of the SF.

(B) Assistance programmes completed

Assistance programmes	Date of completion
(1) Subsidy for Low-income Elderly Tenants in Private Housing	April 2013
(2) Setting up the School-based Fund (Cross-boundary Learning Activities) to Subsidise Primary and Secondary School Students from Low-income Families to Participate in Cross Boundary Learning Activities and Competitions	June 2014
(3) Subsidy for Low-income Persons who are Inadequately Housed	July 2014
(4) Subsidy for Elders Aged 65 or Above from Low-income Families who are on the Waiting List for Integrated Home Care Service (Ordinary Cases) for Household Cleaning Service and Escorting Services for Medical Consultations	December 2014
(5) After-school Care Pilot Scheme	July 2016
(6) Provision of a One-off Special Subsidy for Students on Full Grant under the School Textbook Assistance Scheme before the Launch of the Low-income Working Family Allowance Scheme	July 2016
(7) One-off Living Subsidy for Low-income Households Not Living in Public Housing and Not Receiving CSSA (launched for three times)	Completed in December 2014, December 2015 and December 2016 respectively
(8) Provision of a One-off Grant for School-related Expenses to Kindergarten Students	August 2017